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Sir:

This is a

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114
(prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));

Divisional Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(b);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/815,276, filed March 23, 2001 for
[Title as filed]: DISK DRIVE SYSTEM

[Amended Title]: DISK DRIVE SYSTEM WITH INTERNAL ARM PREVENTING SHOCK

by [Inventors]: Makoto MIYAMOTO and Hideki KUWAJIMA

1. A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
2. Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS
AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT
OR CREDIT FEES TO
DEP. ACCT. 16-0331
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3. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY
OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW

Basic Fee
\$770.00

Total claims	11	-20	=	0	× \$18.00	(* 9.00)	=		
Independent claims	5	- 3	=	2	× \$86.00	(*43.00)	=	<u>172.00</u>	
Total Filing Fee.....								=	\$942.00

4. A check in the amount of \$942.00 is enclosed (CK# 17486).
THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
NO. 160331.

5. Cancel in this application claims 1 and 7 of the prior application
before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim
is retained for filing purposes.

6. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the
sentence:

--This is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/815,276 filed
March 23, 2001, now allowed.--

7. Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR
§1.116 with any attachments filed on in this application which was
not entered therein.

8. Priority of foreign application(s) No. 2000-085479, filed March 27, 2000;
in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The certified copy was filed in prior application No. 09/815,276 on
April 18, 2001.

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is
filed herewith.

9. The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC
INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 011714, Frame 0384.

10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:

a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

c. Address all future communications to

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11. An Application Data Sheet is enclosed herewith.

12. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.

13. An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

14. This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

15. A Petition for Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.



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